

In the Claims:

Please amend the Claims as follows:

1-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A system established in a communication network comprising:

a data manager, for storing ~~subscriber-restricted~~ information for a first set of ~~paid-subscribers~~, partial ~~subscriber-restricted~~ information for a second set of ~~paid~~ subscribers, and metadata describing the ~~subscriber-restricted~~ information for a ~~non-paying-non-subscribers~~ and a search engine robots;

a transmission source determiner, for receiving an access request to the data manager from a transmission source, and for determining whether the transmission source is one of the first set of subscribers, the second set of subscribers, ~~the~~ a non-subscriber, or ~~the~~ a search engine robot; and

a response unit, for

if the transmission source determiner determines that the transmission source is a member of the first set of ~~paid-subscribers~~, transmitting said ~~subscriber-restricted~~ information to the transmission source through the communication network,

if the transmission source determiner determines that the transmission source is a member of the second set of ~~paid-subscribers~~, transmitting said partial ~~subscriber-restricted~~ information to the transmission source through the

communication network, and

if the transmission source determiner determines that the user is one of the ~~non-paying non-subscribers~~ or the ~~search engine robots~~, transmitting said metadata to the transmission source through the communication network;

wherein the first set of ~~paid~~-subscribers has full unrestricted access to an information site;

wherein the second set of ~~paid~~-subscribers has partially restricted access to the information site; and

wherein the metadata comprises a textual description ~~an automatically generated statement describing the subject matter and type of the subscriber~~ restricted information, a keyword indicative of the content of the restricted information ~~related to the textual description for preparing a search engine keyword index, and~~ subscription information describing how to join at least one of the first set of ~~paid~~ subscribers or the second set of ~~paid~~-subscribers;

~~wherein the non-paying non-subscriber has no access to the information site.~~

18. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 17 further comprising:

an information communication terminal, for accessing the information site on the communication network, and for obtaining information available at said information site; wherein a request for said information and identification information for said information communication terminal is transmitted to acquire said information; wherein when said information falls in an access right range that is set in accordance with said identification information, said restricted information is provided

by said information site; and wherein when said information does not fall in said access right range, metadata for describing said restricted information is provided.

19. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 18, wherein said metadata obtained from said information site ~~includes~~is text data for explaining said information.

20. (Currently Amended) A system provided in a communication network comprising:

a data manager, for storing restricted information to be provided across said communication network;

a transmission source determiner, for ascertaining the type of a transmission source from which an access request is received; and

a response unit, for (a) acquiring from said data manager information correlating with said type obtained in accordance with the determination made by said transmission source determiner, and for (b) generating and returning a response consonant with said type,

wherein said data manager stores ~~main~~restricted information and metadata for describing said ~~main~~restricted information; and

wherein, as the result of the determination by said transmission source determiner, when said transmission source has no right of access for said ~~main~~restricted information, said response unit obtains said metadata for generating a metadata response;

wherein, when said transmission source comprises a robot in a robot search engine that is launched across said communication network, said response unit generates the metadata response comprising the metadata, and wherein the ~~metadata response comprises a keyword concerning said main information;~~

wherein said transmission source determiner includes a user agent register, wherein said robot and a user agent header that said robot adds to said access request are registered in said user agent register as correlating with each other; and wherein when said user agent header is registered in said user agent register, said transmission source determiner determines said transmission source to be said robot; and

wherein said metadata comprises an automatically generated statement describing the subject matter and type of the restricted information, a keyword indicative of the content of the restricted information for preparing a search engine keyword index, and subscription information describing how to gain access to said restricted information.

21. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 20, wherein each access right of a user for said ~~main~~-restricted information is registered in the user register; wherein when a user ID and said access request are received and registered in said user register, said transmission source determiner notifies said response unit of a range of said access rights of said user indicated in said user register; and wherein said response unit generates a metadata response comprising text data for describing said main information, in accordance with said range.

22. (Currently Amended) A robot search engine response system comprising:
a transmission source determiner, for analyzing an access request received by a web server provided on a communication network, and for identifying said transmission source of said access request; and

a response unit, for, when said transmission source comprises a robot of a robot search engine, transmitting a keyword metadata concerning a web page source to said robot;

wherein the web page source is associated with the access request;

wherein said transmission source determiner comprises a user agent register, wherein said robot and a user agent header that said robot adds to said access request are registered in said user agent register as correlating with each other; and

wherein when said user agent header is registered in said user agent register, said transmission source determiner determines said transmission source to be said robot; and

wherein said metadata comprises an automatically generated statement describing the subject matter and type of restricted information, a keyword indicative of the content of the restricted information for preparing a search engine keyword index, and subscription information describing how to gain access to said restricted information.

23. (Previously Presented) A robot search engine registration method comprising the steps of:

mechanically accessing a web site via a communication network and obtaining a web page source stored at said web site;

accepting an access request from a robot of a robot search engine that prepares a web page search list; and

transmitting to said robot a keyword concerning said web page source;

wherein, when the access of said web page source is limited, and when access by said robot is not permitted, text data is transmitted.

24. (Previously Presented) A storage medium on which input means of a computer stores a computer-readable program that permits said computer to perform:

a process for analyzing an access request received by a web server that is provided on a communication network and for determining a transmission source of said access request; and

a process for, when said transmission source of said access request comprises a robot of a robot search engine, transmitting a keyword concerning a web page source to said robot;

wherein said web page source is associated with said access request;

wherein, when the access of said web page source is limited, and when access by said robot is not permitted, said program transmits text data.

25. (Previously Presented) A program transmission apparatus comprising: storage means for storing a computer-readable program that permits said

computer to perform

a process for analyzing an access request received by a web server that is provided on a communication network and for determining a transmission source of said access request, and

a process for, when said transmission source of said access request comprises a robot of a robot search engine, transmitting a keyword concerning a web page source to said robot; and

transmission means for reading said program from said storage means and for transmitting said program;

wherein said web page source is associated with said access request;

wherein, when the access of said web page source is limited, and when an access by said robot is not permitted, said program transmits said text data.

26. (New) A method as defined in Claim 23, the text data comprising metadata having an automatically generated statement describing the subject matter and type of web page source, a keyword indicative of the content of the web page source for preparing a search engine keyword index, and subscription information describing how to gain access to the web page source.

27. (New) A storage medium as defined in Claim 24, the text data comprising metadata having an automatically generated statement describing the subject matter and type of web page source, a keyword indicative of the content of the web page source for preparing a search engine keyword index, and subscription information

describing how to gain access to the web page source.

28. (New) An apparatus as defined in Claim 25, the text data comprising metadata having an automatically generated statement describing the subject matter and type of web page source, a keyword indicative of the content of the web page source for preparing a search engine keyword index, and subscription information describing how to gain access to the web page source.